

## Regents Message

The Virgin Valley DAR's new Literacy Committee, has been planning ways we can spread the love of reading in our community. Last August the VVDAR installed a Little Free Library in the down town area of Mesquite. This year we have BIG plans that include gifting a children's book to every kindergartener and 1st grader in the Virgin Valley.



It will be an ambitious yet infinitely rewarding project for our Chapter to obtain and distribute books to hundreds of children. I know from experience the joy and excitement it brings my young grandkids when they get a new book.

Speaking of Kindergarten, below is a clip from a newsletter I received from an overseas DAR Chapter in Germany, the Palitinate Chapter.

### **A Short History of Kindergarten - German Roots**

German Fredrich Fröbel (1782-1852) founded the first kindergarten in 1838. He created this 'play' environment as an experimental social experience for children about to enter school. Up until then, most emphasis in childhood education was based on rote learning and strict behavior. Fröbel's approach was to let the children be nurtured and nourished 'like plants in a garden.' (Wikipedia)

### **Kindergarten Spreads to the United States**

The first kindergarten in the USA was founded in Watertown, Wisconsin in 1856 by Margaretha Meyer-Schurz and was conducted in German. Elizabeth Peabody founded the first English language kindergarten in 1860.

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## February Dates of Note

FEBRUARY 3: THE FIRST PAPER MONEY IN AMERICA IS ISSUED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY (1690).

FEBRUARY 4: THE UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (USO) IS FORMED TO CATER TO THE ARMED FORCES AND DEFENSE INDUSTRIES (1941).

FEBRUARY 12: ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS BORN NEAR HODGENVILLE, KY., THE SECOND CHILD AND FIRST SON OF THOMAS AND NANCY HANKS LINCOLN (1809).

FEBRUARY 24: SOME 3,000 MEXICANS UNDER SANTA ANNA LAUNCH AN ASSAULT ON THE ALAMO WITH ITS 182 TEXAN DEFENDERS (1836).

FEBRUARY 26: THE 22ND AMENDMENT IS ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION, LIMITING THE PRESIDENCY TO TWO TERMS (1951).

FEBRUARY 27: CONGRESS PASSES THE 15TH AMENDMENT, WHICH GUARANTEES CITIZENS THE RIGHT TO VOTE REGARDLESS OF "RACE, COLOR, OR PREVIOUS CONDITION OF SERVITUDE." BECOMING LAW ON MARCH 30, 1870, IT DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT IT APPLIES ONLY TO "MALE INHABITANTS," AS THE 14TH AMENDMENT DOES, BUT IT WILL BE ADMINISTERED AS IF IT DOES (1869).

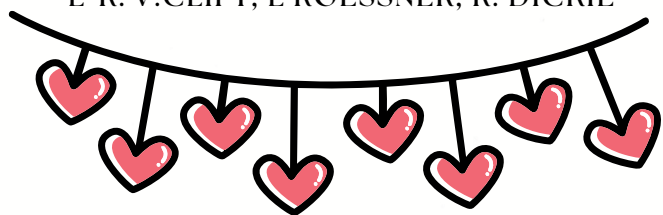
## CONSTITUTION MINUTE

CONSTITUTION MINUTE – PREAMBLE / DECLARATION THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION DOES NOT STATE THAT "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL." THIS STATEMENT IS IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER, THE CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE DOES STATE THAT THE "PEOPLE" (REFERRING TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY) ARE THE GOVERNMENT. THIS MEANS THAT THE GOVERNMENT EXISTS TO SERVE ITS CITIZENS RATHER THAN THE CITIZENS EXISTING TO SERVE THE GOVERNMENT. FURTHERMORE, IT DEFINES THE PURPOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT CREATED BY THE CONSTITUTION. THE PURPOSE IS TO ESTABLISH JUSTICE (A SOCIETY BASED ON THE RULE OF LAW), ENSURE PEACE AT HOME, MAINTAIN THE SECURE DEFENSE OF THE COUNTRY, PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE, AND ENSURE THAT THE BLESSINGS CONFERRED BY THE INNATE GIFT OF LIBERTY ARE SAFEGUARDED FOREVER. THE ARTICLES WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION CREATE THE FRAMEWORK OF HOW THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO JUST THAT.

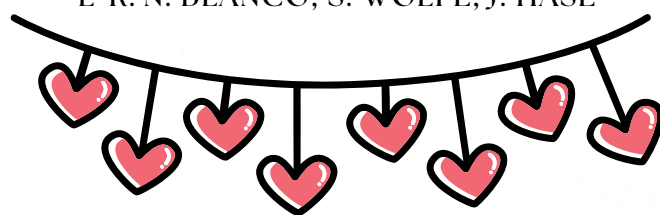
# Chapter Photos



INSTALLATION OF RUTH DICKIE AS LIBRARIAN  
L-R: V. CLIFT, L ROESSNER, R. DICKIE



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY  
L-R: N. BLANCO, S. WOLFE, J. HASE



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY  
L-R: R. DICKIE, S. WOLFE, K. PECK, V. CLIFT,  
N. BLANCO, J. HASE, S. BALL



AMERICA 250! MUSEUM EXHIBIT  
L-R: J. HASE, V. CLIFT, L. ROESSNER, K. PECK, S. BALL

# 2025 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 8 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 19 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

MARCH 8 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 19 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

APRIL 4-6 - STATE CONFERENCE -  
100 YR. ANNIVERSARY OF NSSDAR

APRIL 16 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

APRIL 19 @ 11AM - 5 YR. ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

\*\*Updated information

MAY 10 @ 10AM - REGULAR MEETING

MAY 21 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

JUNE 14 @ 10AM -REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 18 @ 10:45 - VETS CHAT

JUNE 25 -29 - CONTINENTAL CONGRESS WASHINGTON DC